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Repairing Alameda's Aging Infrastructure

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the City's vision?

A: Alameda has a quality of life we all value. However, the City has a backlog of millions in repairs and maintenance to our roads and storm drains, and inadequate funding to properly maintain the condition of our 21 community and neighborhood parks and beaches. We must do our part to keep the Bay clean and maintain the things that make living here special.

Q: What infrastructure priorities have Alamedans identified?

A: In the City's annual community survey, respondents identified the following top infrastructure priorities:

- Repairing potholes
- Maintaining/repairing public storm drains to keep pollution out of the Bay
- Maintaining the condition of neighborhood parks
- Improving traffic safety/flow

Q: Our streets are only getting worse. Can you do anything about this?

A: We agree! Alameda has a backlog of over \$200 million in street maintenance, road repair, and other infrastructure maintenance needs. Adequately maintaining our roads will not only fix potholes, but improve traffic safety -- helping traffic congestion. Among our strategies is identifying locally-controlled funding specifically for these projects that cannot be taken by state or federal governments.

Q: Will the City be receiving any funding from the State for infrastructure?

A: Unfortunately, there is no statewide funding stream specifically for storm drains, flooding and pollution prevention, or maintenance of park or other public facilities. While the state and county do provide some funds for street repairs, it isn't nearly enough to maintain adequate pavement conditions.

Q: What's the next step?

A: Over the coming weeks, the City will be working on a plan to address our City's aging infrastructure. Doing so will maintain our quality of life, prevent further deterioration, and lower future costs before they become even more expensive in the future.

We'd like *your* input. Please contact jowens@alamedaca.gov to schedule a neighborhood presentation/input session.

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